

HEARING SCREENING REFERRAL LETTER

Date: _____

To The Parents Of: _____

School: _____

Dear Parent:

The School Health Services program routinely screens students for possible hearing problems in order to identify any barrier to learning that might be corrected. Screening programs are important for these reasons:

- They identify students with possible hearing problems.
- Temporary hearing loss causes students to miss crucial instructions in the classroom.
- Parents may not be aware of a child's mild hearing loss in every day home situations.
- Even mild losses may interfere with learning new vocabulary, which is critical for success in reading.
- Hearing loss is invisible and the child may be blamed for not paying attention.
- Hearing loss may be sign of ear disease.
- Children with very mild losses or loss in only one ear may be experiencing school failure.

Your child failed our screening and rescreening for hearing problems. It is important to your child's school success to have a professional evaluation. If a problem is found and corrected, it may help your student do better in his or her school work.

It is recommended that you take your child to the Trumbull County Educational Service Center for a complete hearing test performed by an audiologist at no charge. Please call the Audiology Department at (330) 505-2800, Ext. 152, to schedule a hearing test appointment. They will also send you a letter regarding scheduling an appointment. Once the hearing test is performed, the Trumbull County Educational Service Center audiologist will discuss the results and recommendations with you and forward a copy to your child's school.